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SUBJECT: POLITICAL SITUATION IN PAKISTAN

1. THE PAST WEEKEND SAW LITTLE MOVEMENT TOWARDS SIGNING
OF THE PNA/GOVERNMENT ACCORD. THE PNA HAD PRESENTED A DRAFT
OF THE ACCORD TO THE GOVERNMENT AT THE NEGOTIATING SESSION
ON JUNE 23 BUT IT WAS REJECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT WHICH
PRESENTED A DRAFT OF ITS OWN AT A MEETING ON THE AFTERNOON
OF JUNE 25. THE PNA TOOK THIS UNDER CONSIDERATION AND
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HAS PROMISED TO PRESENT ITS OWN REVISED VERSION ON JUNE 27.
PNA LEADERS HAVE TERMED THIS THE "FINAL" DRAFT AND, AS A
DISPLAY OF THEIR DETERMINATION NOT TO COMPROMISE ANY
FURTHER, THE PNA HAS DISBANDED ITS NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
AND THE LEADERS PLAN TO LEAVE RAWALPINDI AND RETURN TO
THEIR HOMES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. PROFESSOR GHAFOOR,
ONE OF THE PNA NEGOTIATORS, HAS SAID HOWEVER THAT THE

OPPOSITION IS NOT PLACING A "TIME LIMIT" ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESPONSE.

2. JOURNALISTIC RUMORS INDICATE THAT ONE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PNA AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN RESOLVED. THE TWO SIDES HAD BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON THE DATE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITH THE PNA FAVORING JULY 7 AND THE GOVERNMENT ARGUING IN FAVOR OF JULY 25. ACCORDING TO THE RUMORS BOTH SIDES HAVE ACCEPTED JULY 14 AS THE DISSOLUTION DATE.

3. THE MAJOR NEWSPAPERS ON JUNE 27 REPORTED THAT THE PRIMARY STICKING POINT IN THE TALKS CONTINUES TO BE THE POWERS GRANTED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL WHICH WILL RESOLVE DISPUTES CONCERNING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. THE PNA FAVORS GIVING BROAD POWERS TO THE COUNCIL WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT FAVORS AN ADVISORY ROLE FOR THE BODY. A SECOND DIFFERENCE IS REPORTEDLY THAT THE PM WANTS TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL. THE PNA INSISTS THAT IF THE PM IS CHAIRMAN THEN THERE SHOULD ALSO BE A PNA SECRETARY-GENERAL. THE POWERS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN IRRITANT EVEN WITH A SIGNED ACCORD. CONFLICTS BETWEEN A PRIME MINISTER WHO CONTENTS HE IS STILL RUNNING THE COUNTRY AND A COUNCIL WHICH THE PNA WANTS TO BE AUTONOMOUS IN MATTERS AFFECTING THE ELECTION ARE INEVITABLE.

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4. LAHORE WAS THE SITE OF TWO BLOODY CLASHES BETWEEN PNA AND PPP WORKERS OVER THE WEEKEND. IN THE MORE SERIOUS RIOTING ON SUNDAY EVENING TWENTY-THREE PEOPLE WERE REPORTEDLY INJURED WITH SEVEN HURT SERIOUSLY. ALL OF THE SEVEN WERE VICTIMS OF STABBINGS. WHILE THE POLICE BROKE UP THE FIRST CLASH WHICH TOOK PLACE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24, THEY APPARENTLY DID NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN SUNDAY'S IMBROGLIO.

5. THE PNA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS SENDING A DELEGATION TO ITS "FELLOW MUSLIM" STATES TO EXPLAIN THE PROPOSED ELECTION ACCORD AND TO ENSURE THAT THEIR POSITION WAS NOT MISREPRESENTED BY THE PM DURING HIS RECENT MIDDLE EAST TOUR.

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